

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 689

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Diemer Smartt of  
Warren County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the accomplishments of those Tennesseans who, during their respective lifetimes, served their fellow citizens with the utmost integrity, dedication, and ability; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Diemer Smartt was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Warren County, Mr. Smartt was a highly respected member of the McMinnville community; and

WHEREAS, Diemer Smartt served for 25 years with acumen and alacrity as Postmaster of McMinnville, in which position he earned the respect of his employees and customers alike for the superior quality of his work; he never waived in his support of the post office and his employees; and

WHEREAS, during his meritorious service as Postmaster, he represented Warren County with dignity, and seized every opportunity to promote his hometown in his travel; and

WHEREAS, a life-long farmer, Diemer Smartt was a true ambassador of Warren County, he strove to make a difference and always gave of himself to the community with genuine care and compassion; and

WHEREAS, his gracious contributions extended well beyond the postal service; he was involved in countless civic organizations and committees and utilized his astute leadership and management skills through his service as the President of the Jaycees, the Chamber of Commerce, the Warren County Livestock Association, and the Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Diemer was an amiable man who was known for his witty personality, and was loved by the people who were fortunate to have crossed paths with him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smartt's heartfelt dedication to the community could be seen in his commitment to take a stand and make the tough decisions without hesitating; he was a fair man who listened to both sides of an issue before taking action; and

WHEREAS, "halfway" was not a word in Mr. Smartt's vocabulary, as he completed every task no matter how difficult and always made his work like a pleasure; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smartt leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional person and role model, Diemer Smartt has proven through his influence and compassion that one person can make a difference and touch the lives of thousands; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. Diemer Smartt, dedicated Postmaster, public servant, community activist, and friend, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and many friends of Mr. Smartt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.